# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2652
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TRACK FRACTURE NEAR PADUGUPADU RAILWAY STATION
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a gap was noticed in the rail track near Padugupadu railway station in Nellore under South Central Railways on July 10, 2002 when Lucknow-Chennai Express was about to pass that spot on the track;

(b) If so, the reasons for the faulty maintenance of rail track in that area;

(c) whether the railway staff were unaware of this track fracture; and

(d) if so, the action initiated against the staff responsible for track maintenance in that area?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA )

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Track maintenance in the area is not faulty. Sometimes, rail fractures occur all of a sudden. Ultrasonic testing of this track was done as per stipulated frequency and no flaw was noticed at this location.

(c) : It is true that the crack was noticed by an outsider crossing the track at 7.35 am before the keyman could reach the location during his daily inspection.

(d) : Does not arise.